(b) whether any proposal of conducting training programme for growing other short harvest crops in the drought-hit areas of the country is under consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) There was a break in the progress and intensity of the South-West monsoon over many parts of the country during July this year, resulting in moisture stress affecting sown crops. Subsequently, there was revival in monsoon by last week of July and considerable improvement has occurred causing upsurge in sowing and improvement of agricultural prospects in the country. Since Kharif sowing is in progress, the State Governments are yet to assess the extent of damage to the crops by drought.

(b) to (d) The State Agricultural Universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institutes have prepared the location specific contingent plans for drought management. The cultivation practices for short duration crops and crop varieties have been included in these contingent plans. These research organizations organize periodic trainings in the areas related to their mandates and the package of practices for cultivation of short duration crops/varieties are a part of these regular trainings.

Financial Assistance to the flood and drought affected states

†1802. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered due to floods and drought in various parts of the country during the last three years and in 2004, so far;

(b) the financial assistance provided by Government to the affected States, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that only a meager part of the assistance provided by the Central Government reaches to the affected persons; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to provide maximum assistance to the affected persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) 6 States during 2001-2002, 18 States during 2002-03 and 8 States during 2003-04, reported drought situation of varying magnitude. On the basis of available information, cropped area in 72 lakh ha. during 2001-02,290 lakh ha. during 2002-03 and 64 lakh ha. during 2003-04 were affected. During South-West Monsoon, there was serious deficiency of rainfall till the end of July. Rains during August have brought about significant improvement in many States, although situation in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and parts of Bihar need close monitoring. Assessment of losses in these and other areas will, however, be premature as kharif sowing is still in progress.

As regards floods, details of damage, as per information available from the Ministry of Home Affairs (Nodal Ministry), is indicated below:—

Year	Human lives lost (No.)	Animals lost (No.)	House damaged (Lakhs)	Cropped area damaged (Lakh ha.)
2001-02	834	21269	346	18.72
2002-03	841	3729	4.85	0.26
2003-04	1992	25393	6.82	31.98
2004-05 (so far)	1332	4192	14.48	60.19

State-wise details of assistance provided from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during 2001-02 to 2003-04 and during 2004-05 (so far), for natural calamities including drought and floods are given in the Statement. (See below)

Assistance for (NCCF) is provided to the States affected by natural calamities in accordance with a set procedure and in accordance with the items and norms of expenditure for assistance from that Fund.

Statement

State-wise details of assistance released from National Calamity Contingence (NCCF) during 2001-02 to 2004-05

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	State	Release of assistance from NCCF during 2001-02 to 2004-05
1.	Andhra Pradesh	207.13
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	42.57
3.	Assam	55.00
4.	Bihar	55.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	170.39
6.	Gujarat	1050.07
7.	Haryana	2.20
8.	Himachal Pradesh	75.83
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	23.20
10.	Karnataka	513.35
11.	Madhya Pradesh	242.78
12.	Maharashtra	270.69
13.	Manipur	7.07
14.	Orissa	240.89
15.	Rajasthan	1025.79
16.	Tamil Nadu	505.44
17.	Uttar Pradesh	351.33
	TOTAL**:**	4839.33

Slaughter Houses

1803. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of licensed slaughter houses in the country as on 30th June, 2004, State-wise;